

City of Deer Park Boat Races Rules and Regulations 2012

I. Safety

- a. Boat occupants under the age of 13 must wear the appropriately-sized, properly-fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket. *Absolutely no racing by anyone not wearing a life jacket.*
- b. Each occupant of the boat must be visible while the boat is in the water.
- c. Boats must be free of sharp edges or anything that could pose danger to participants.
- d. Children under 8 years old are not permitted to race.
- e. No alcohol for any crew members. No alcohol at the City Pool.
- f. While at the pool, please follow all City of Deer Park Pool Rules and Regulations.
- g. Participants under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- h. ***All participants must be able to swim and will sign a release form at team registration.***

II. Boat Construction

- a. All boats must be completely built prior to arrival at event.
- b. Boat must be constructed of cardboard – any thickness of corrugated cardboard is permitted. Any waxed cardboard or non-corrugated material may not be used; especially the kind with a resin-type coating found in casings is considered illegal and grounds for disqualification. Only corrugated cardboard may be used. It can be of any thickness but must not be bonded to any other material such as vinyl. No solid cardboard.
- c. The use of wood anywhere within the boat is NOT allowed.
- d. You may not line the bottom with duct tape.
- e. Plastic, Tar-based substances, Contact cement, rubber cement, and water sealer like Thompson's may not be used.
- f. Styrofoam and all other floatation devices are illegal.
- g. The boat design must be able to hold the entire number of participants that are registered on the horizontal surface of the boat.
- h. Approved materials—Corrugated cardboard — three layers for floor, two layers for walls; paper tape; masking tape; duct tape
- i. Design is left to builder. Let your imagination take over. The more creative part of your boat building project is the boat's theme and decoration for both boat and crew. The sky's the limit as long as you follow basic construction and safety rules, listed in the back of this packet.
- j. We encourage you to decorate your boat however, please do not use any water based paints.

III. Boat Classification Teams - ages 8 and up.

- b. Class I –2 participants in the boat and oars or paddle power
- c. Class II – 3-4 participants in the boat and oars or paddle power

IV. Race Rules

1. Follow all boat construction rules listed above.
2. Each boat must have a designated captain.
3. Each boat must pass a technical inspection before entering the water.
4. If boat is considered to be outside set rules for any reason, crew can make modifications.

V. Awards

1. Titanic Award – Most Spectacular Sinking
2. Best Dressed Team
3. Like a Boss Award – The Fastest Team
4. I Can't Believe It's Not Wood Award - Most functional boat

VI. Review

1. Read and understand the rules
2. Don't make the side walls too tall
3. Have the boat sit lower in the water than you think it should
4. Cardboard, cardboard, cardboard!
5. Bring to the event: cooler w/snacks and water, towels and sunscreen.
6. Come ready to win!